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Dr. Jeffrey Bergner
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Dear Dr. Bergner:

Enclosed, please find a copy of correspondence I received from several of my constituents.

These individuals have expressed some concerns about oil development in the Alberta tar sands and our Nation's energy policies. I would appreciate it if you would carefully review their comments and provide a response to the concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress

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I am writing to urge you to sign on to the tar sands letter that Congressman Jay Inslee (WA-1) and Congressman Welch (VT- al) are circulating.

Despite the fact that the production of tar sands oil generates three times as many greenhouse gas emissions as conventional crude and results in the demolition of the Boreal Forest, the Obama Administration is currently considering a permit for the third and largest pipeline to deliver this fuel to the United States. This pipeline, the Keystone XL, would deliver 900,000 barrels a day of tar sands crude from Alberta, Canada, all the way to Houston, Texas. The permitting process for this pipeline is being overseen by the State Department, and Secretary Clinton is charged with making the final decision.

Congressmen Inslee and Welch have already shown leadership on this issue by crafting a letter to ensure the full impact of these dirty fuels are considered in the permitting process. The oil spill in the Gulf is a clear reminder that our addiction to dirty fossil energy is an unsustainable situation with massive consequences. A project as large as the Keystone XL pipeline must be considered very carefully and the State Department cannot be allowed to rush the decision.

Please help stop the expansion of tar sands oil and sign the Congressional letter to Secretary Clinton.

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